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January 13, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston A & B Zones, SIBLEY FIELD, Webster
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston A Zone and to the Hosston B Zone in the Sibley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize two (2) additional alternate unit wells for HOSS A SUE and for HOSS B SUE at the locations shown on the attached plats, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 148-J, effective February 1, 1972.
2. To find that each of the proposed additional alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston A and B Zones underlying HOSS A SUE and HOSS B SUE which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on these units.
3. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston A and B Zones in Sibley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, were fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 148-J, effective February 1, 1972.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy

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of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Mr. Gilbert at the expense of the requesting party.

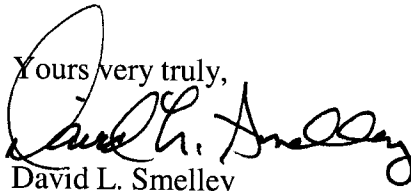
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Sibley Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry McAnulty (w/encls.)
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encls.)
Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

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EL PASO
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BURSON-MEARS
B-1 8998

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BEATTY 1
8730

KELLEY
BLACKWELL 1
8790

EL PASO
NOLES
A-1 8725

EL PASO
GLASS
D-1 8762
D-2 9262

EL PASO
REED A-3 8725

KELLEY
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BLOXOM 1
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
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-  ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
-  PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
-  HOSSTON A UNITS AS PER 148-J SERIES OF ORDERS
-  WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO. 1

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 Production

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SIBLEY FIELD

WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
HOSS A SU E

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LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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NORMAN
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